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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

East St. Louis, Illinois Regional Economic Resilience Forum Wednesday-Thursday, May 20th-21st, 2015

East St. Louis Higher Education Campus
Building D – Multipurpose Room
601 James Thompson Boulevard
East St. Louis, IL 62201

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

8:00–9:00 AM Continental Breakfast; Sign-In

9:00–9:45 AM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

- ❖ Mark A. Kern, Board Chairman, St. Clair County
- ❖ Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks, City of East St. Louis
- Cameron Joost, Senate Staff Assistant, Office of US Senator Richard J. Durbin (IL)
- Dustin Rhodes, Office of US Representative Mike Bost, Illinois 12th Congressional District
- Antonio R. Riley, Regional Administrator, Region V, US Department of HUD
- Jennifer Tidwell, Regional Administrator, Region VII, US Department of HUD
- Fred Oelschlaeger, Regional Manager, Southern River Region, Cargill, Inc.
- Jeff Watson, President & General Manager, Casino Queen

9:45-10:15 AM CREATING VIABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

- James Williams, Jr., Owner, McDonalds, East St. Louis, IL
- Ron Roberts, McCormack Baron Salazar

10:15–10:30 AM PLENARY

Sandra Moore, President, Urban Strategies

10:30-10:40 AM BREAK

10:40–11:30 AM METRO EAST REGION

- Terry Beach, Economic Development Director, St. Clair County, Illinois
- George Ghareeb (VP) & Karen Dvorsky, Terra Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Slay Industries
- Taulby Roach, Coordinator, Capital Projects, St. Clair County Transit District
- Sterling Moody, Owner & Charles Bussey, Business Manager, Harvest Market

11:30 AM-12:00 PM LUNCH

12:00-12:15 PM BOARD BUS

12:15–1:30 PM TOUR OF EAST ST. LOUIS (SEE APPENDIX – P. 4)

1:30–2:00 PM KEYNOTE

John M. Nations, President & CEO, Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District, Metro Public Transit System

2:00–2:45 PM FUNDERS & PHILANTHROPIC NETWORK

- Mary G. McMurtrey, Director of Community Engagement, Greater St. Louis Community Foundation, Moderator & Presenter
- Marilyn Sanders, Assistant Regional Director, US Census Bureau, US Department of Commerce, Chicago Region
- Evan M. Krauss, Director, East Side Aligned, United Way of Greater St. Louis
- Bill Kreeb, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

2:45–3:00 PM BREAK

3:00-4:15 PM REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

- Yvonne S. Sparks, Assistant Vice President, Community Affairs Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis - Moderator
- David R. Desai-Ramirez, Executive Director – Southern Region, IFF
- Stephen Acree, Executive Director and President, RISE
- David Noble, Community Development & CRA Officer, Midland States Bank
- Clayton M. Evans, Vice President, Community Relations, Reliance Bank

4:15 PM WRAP-UP DISCUSSION & DAY 2 PREVIEW

- Chairman Mark Kern, St. Clair County

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

8:00–8:30 AM Continental Breakfast; Sign-In

8:30–8:45 AM RECAP OF DAY 1

- Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks, City of East St. Louis
- Mark A. Kern, Board Chairman, St. Clair County

8:45-9:00 AM OPENING REMARKS

Antonio R. Riley, Regional Administrator, Region V, US Department of Housing and Urban Development & Chairman, Federal Executive Board of Chicago

9:00-9:45 AM

INVESTING IN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

- James Cunningham, Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 5, US Department of HUD - Moderator
- Jeannette P. Tamayo, Regional Administrator, Region 5, Economic Development Administration (EDA), US Department of Commerce (DOC), Moderator
- James M. Schultz, Director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Robert “Bo” Steiner, Illinois District Director, US Small Business Administration (SBA)

9:45-10:00 AM

BREAK

10:00-11:15 AM

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- James Cunningham - Moderator
- Joe Dufficy, Chief, Community and Land Revitalization Branch, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Ray Willis, Director, Community Planning and Development, US Department of HUD
- Bryan Zises, Chief of Staff, Illinois Housing Development Authority
- Michael J. Lundy, Executive Director, Southwestern Illinois Development Authority (SWIDA)
- Mike Rossi, Associate Originator, Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.

11:15 AM-12:30 PM

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORT

- James Heard, Director, St. Louis Field Office, US Department of HUD - Moderator
- William Paape, Director, Upper Mississippi Office, Maritime Administration (MARAD), US Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Michael G. Feldmann, Deputy Program Manager, St. Louis District, US Army Corps of Engineers
- Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator, Region VII, Federal Transit Administration, Region VII, US Department of Transportation
- Betsy Tracy, Transportation Planning Specialist, Illinois Division, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), US Department of Transportation (DOT)

12:30 PM

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES & NEXT STEPS

- Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks, City of East St. Louis
- Chairman Mark Kern, St. Clair County
- Regional Administrator Antonio R. Riley, HUD

APPENDIX

12:15–1:30 PM

EAST ST. LOUIS TOUR

Tour Guides

- Stephen Acree
- Taulby Roach
- Terry Beach

Tour Sites

1. Riverfront (includes Bunge North America; Cargill, Inc.; and Port of ESL)
2. Veterans Memorial Bridge
3. Tank Cleaning Facility (hires local workers)
4. Parsons Place (McCormack Baron); Jazz at Walter Circle
5. Jackie Joyner Kersee Center (youth center)
6. Sinai Village
7. Mary Brown Center (family multipurpose center)
8. Former Lincoln High School (vacant)
9. Old Broadview Hotel (located in historical business district)
10. Downtown business district (received historical designation)